

As a subscriber to an independent ISP provider Sonic.net, I have been satisfied to receive continued, reliable service for a reasonable price from a local company I respect. If this petition is granted, this would mean that the large phone companies would no longer be subject to regulatory review of their broadband pricing to independent ISPs like Sonic.net. As a result, each independent ISP would have to individually negotiate pricing and the ability to interconnect, which would undoubtedly raise prices and interrupt service to customers like me.

The more serious threat is that it is even possible that the phone companies could, in the long run, refuse to provide the necessary connections for our DSL service, and my reliance on DSL service would force me to discontinue my membership with Sonic.net and join a large company like SBCglobal.net because of their monopoly in the marketplace.

Please, help support local businesses like Sonic.net and satisfied consumers like myself who rely on the FCC to regulate broadband service.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns.